

Amateur Radio Operators To Track Down Transmitter

A group of Evansville men will spend Sunday afternoon hunting a mysterious radio station.

The hunt is an exercise in simulated wartime communications espionage, staged by the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society.

The society's transmitter truck, manned by Roland Salk, will be concealed someplace in Vanderburgh County about noon Sunday. Occasionally, it will send out a signal.

At 2 p.m., about eight "hams," with their own radio equipment mounted in their cars, will leave Evansville College in search of the hidden truck, which theoretically is broadcasting information to the enemy. Fanning out, they'll literally "ride the beam" to the hidden transmitter.

The hidden transmitter will broadcast on 29.6 megacycles. Hams whose cars aren't equipped, and those who own sets that can receive the signals, can keep track of the search through intercepting the signals from the transmitter, and the conversations between the search cars.

The society is integrated into the Civil Defense setup, and the American Radio Emergency Corps, which is an international system to provide a secondary line of communications if all main sources of communication should be knocked out by war or disaster.